

AN ONSLAUGHT ON STOCK GAMBLING

Federal Authorities Make Wholesale Sweep

29 PERSONS INDICTED

Drag Net Covers Country From the Missouri River to the Atlantic—Brokers' Offices in New York, Philadelphia, Jersey City, Baltimore, Cincinnati and St. Louis Were Raided Simultaneously Yesterday at 11 O'Clock, Eastern Time—Millionaires Included in Indictments.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., April 2.—The government of the United States today made its first but vigorous onslaught upon stock gambling which in scope practically covers the country from the Missouri River to the Atlantic.

Brokers' offices in New York, Philadelphia, Jersey City, Baltimore, Cincinnati and St. Louis were raided simultaneously at 11 o'clock, Eastern time, today by special agents of the Department of Justice, who were armed with bench warrants issued by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

Conspiracy indictments in which 29 persons are named—five of them said to be millionaires, and all interested in brokers' offices in large cities the United States, were returned late yesterday by the Federal grand jury of the District of Columbia upon evidence which agents of the Department of Justice had been gathering for more than a year. The indictments were withheld so that the Department of Justice detectives might make the raids simultaneously upon the places suspected of being "bucket shops." The men indicted are said to be those financially interested in the corporations known as E. S. Boggs & Co., which has offices in New York and Philadelphia; Price and Company, which has offices in Baltimore and New York, and the Standard Stock and Grain Dealers which has offices in Jersey City, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

As being interested in Boggs & Company, the following are indicted: Richard E. Preusser, Lee Mayer, George Turner, William H. Lillis, Oliver J. Robinson, Edward S. Boggs, Harry Owens, Robert A. Gay, all of New York, and A. I. Ford and Marshall F. Parish, of Philadelphia. Named in connection with them as alleged co-conspirators are Edward Everett Taylor, of Washington, D. C., and his telegraph operator, Harry Johnson.

In the indictments against Price & Co., the following are named: William R. Price, Virgil P. Randolph, Harry M. Randolph, Charles T. Morehead, Edward Welden, Joseph Gaskins, and James A. Anderson, all of Baltimore; Thomas H. Campbell and Edward B. Taylor, of Philadelphia.

In the Standard Stock and Grain dealers are named: Edward Altamus, Samuel Raymond, Oscar J. Rappel and Robert Hall, of Jersey City, N. J.; Louis Cella, of St. Louis; Henry C. Stumpf, of Philadelphia, and Henry R. Durise and his telegraph operator, Charles R. Alley.

The three concerns indicted maintain more than 250 offices and branch offices, located from New England to Oklahoma.

With the aid of United States Attorney Baker, of the District of Columbia, special assistant attorney General A. Bruce Bielaski and Chief Finch, of Attorney-General Wickersham's Bureau of Investigation, have been presenting the evidence to the grand jury for several days.

The theory of the conspiracy indictments is that every man who was connected in any way with the operation of the three firms which did business in the district had entered into a conspiracy to relieve people of their money. The government maintains that every alleged bucketing transaction of the local brokers named was the act of each and every person charged in the indictment.

In a prepared statement, issued today, Attorney-General Wickersham expresses the belief that the return of these indictments and the prosecution of the defendants therein will do a great deal towards destroying the operations of bucket-shops throughout the country.

The government's sleuths went at the enemy with his own fire and, it is said, did not hesitate to do a little wire tapping now and then to get their evidence. Taking for granted that the charge often made that bucket shops secured quotations by tapping wires which carry them to

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legitimate customers was true, the detectives tapped onto more than one communication being sent between those indicted. Employees of some of the shops were served with subpoenas and called before the grand jury to tell what they knew about the methods of operation.

Violation of the law upon conviction entails a maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine and two years' imprisonment.

When the Department of Justice closed for business today reports received from various points showed there had been sixteen arrests of persons named in the indictments. Five of these were in New York city, Messrs. Preusser, Mayer, Robinson, L. Cella and Angelo Cella, all of whom were released on \$5,000 bail each; five in Baltimore, Welden Anderson, Henry M. Randolph, Price and Morehead, also released on \$5,000 bail each, and in Philadelphia, Turner, Owens, Parrish, Stumpf, Ford and Campbell, whose bail in each case was fixed at \$2,500.

An effort will be made to have the trial fixed for all the defendants before the District Supreme Court adjourns for the summer recess, the intention being to arraign them in the several groups in which they were indicted.

BALLINGER SAYS HE WILL SUE COLLIERS'

The Blistering in Current Issue Last Straw

THE SUIT IN "DUE" TIME

While Ballinger Would Not Indicate When or in What Manner the Matter Would Be Brought Into Court, He Said That If He Lived Long Enough They Would Suffer All the Penalties the Law Will Warrant—Claims That He Is a Much Villified Man.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger announced this afternoon that in due time he would institute proceedings in law against Collier's Weekly as the result of the publications concerning him which are appearing in that paper.

In connection with the article in the current issue headed "Ballinger-Shyster," in which Mr. Ballinger is accused of "an unpardonable breach of professional honor" in connection with a bankruptcy proceedings in the United States District Court at Seattle, in 1904, the Secretary said:

"For the malicious, villainous and untruthful attacks, of which this is simply another chapter, I propose to bring them to justice."

While Mr. Ballinger would not indicate when or in what manner the matter would be brought into court, he said that if he lived long enough, "they will suffer all the penalties the law will warrant. They have deliberately sent their agent and emissaries throughout the country to traduce me by a campaign of villification that is not warranted of any facts whatsoever. If they think they can attack me with impunity, they are mistaken."

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CARTER AND LEWIS ADJUDGED GUILTY

Of Attempting to Influence Venireman Daniel

10 DAYS IN JAIL FOR LEWIS

Carter Escapes With a Fine of \$50. Owing to Death of Mother.—The Evidence Was that the Two Men Approached Daniel and Stated that Powell Was Crazy and that if He Was Taken on the Jury to do All They Could for Powell.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Weldon, April 2.—Judge Ward in Halifax Superior court this morning imposed a fine of fifty dollars and costs on L. R. Carter and a sentence of ten days in jail on C. T. Lewis for attempting to influence Venireman L. A. Daniel in favor of E. E. Powell on trial for murder of Charles W. Durn.

In obedience to the rule issued by Judge Ward yesterday, L. R. Carter, of Scotland Neck, and C. T. Lewis, of Palmyra, appeared in court this morning. The evidence of Daniel was that Carter and Lewis approached him knowing him to be a special venireman and said that Powell was a crazy man and that people up there wanted to hang him, and then said: "If you are taken on the jury do all you can for Powell." The defendants alleged that the conversation occurred before they knew that Daniel was a venireman, but when cross-examined by W. E. Daniel for the State, they could not explain why they should ask Daniel to do all he could for the defendant, provided he was taken on the jury without a knowledge of the fact that they were talking to a venireman, and they were adjudged guilty. Judge Ward in imposing fine on Carter said: "I would send you to jail but for the fact that your mother died yesterday."

SOUTHERN TRACK MEET

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CAME OFF WITH FIRST HONORS, WAKE FOREST TOOK THIRD PLACE, CAPTURING FIVE MEDALS.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Charlottesville, Va., April 2.—In the Southern intercollegiate track meet here today, in which five States were represented, the University of Virginia won first place, Clemson second, Wake Forest, with six representatives, won fifteen points, which gives her third place and carries away five medals.

Coughenour, captain of the Wake Forest team, won second place in the one hundred, two hundred and twenty yard dashes, losing first place by the narrowest margin. The other points were won by Murchison in the quarter mile, Jones in the mile, Hutchins in the high jump and low hurdles, Davis in the half mile and Highsmith in the hundred yards dash.

The meet was the greatest event of the season in track athletics and was a great success throughout.

DISCUSS JUSTICE.

Governor Kitchin yesterday appointed delegates to the fourteenth annual convention of the American Academy of Political and Social Service, which is to discuss matters of the administration of justice in the United States. The convention is to meet in Philadelphia next Friday and Saturday, April 8th and 9th, and the delegates from North Carolina are: Messrs. L. P. McGehee, of Chapel Hill; N. Y. Guley, of Wake Forest; S. F. Mordecai, of Durham; T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh; Walter Clark, Jr., of Raleigh; Thad D. Bryson, of Bryson City; P. A. Linney, of Boone; Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte; John H. Kerr, of Warrenton; J. J. Furlong, of Wilmington; W. C. Douglass, of Raleigh; A. W. Whedbee, of Greenville; E. L. Stevens, of Monroe; D. E. Huggins, of Marion; S. A. Newell, of Williamston; T. B. Bailey, of Mocksville; P. W. McMullen, of W. McMullen, of Hertford; A. C. Zollieffer, of Henderson; W. T. Caho, of Bayboro; J. R. Clark, of Elizabethtown; W. C. Feimster, of Newton.

BOTTOM DROPS OUT OF GRAFT DEFENSE

The Big Guns Make Full Confessions

6 BANKS TO BE INDICTED

Other Startling Sensations Are Expected to Take Place Monday—Graft Prosecution Busy Preparing Cases—Today Will Be Busy Day for District Attorney and His Associates in Consultation as to the New Developments—Three Judges Will Sit in Criminal Court During the Opening Days of the Trials.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 2.—All of the present and former councilmen known as the Big Five have now told their stories to the graft investigating committee. The indictment of six banks as corporations and other startling sensations are expected Monday as a result. The graft prosecution is now busily engaged preparing cases for the trials next week.

Charles Stewart today told the whole truth to the grand jury. Hugh Ferguson made a complete statement before the inquisitorial body, William Brand is known to have made a full confession and the bottom has finally fallen out of the alleged grafters defense.

Grand jurors, after returning presentments today recommending indictments against Morris Einstein and seven other former councilmen on testimony received from P. B. Kearns, spent an hour hearing more evidence and preparing the bulky "bank presentment" and then were excused until Monday after returning indictments ordered on their recommendation by Judge Thomas Carnahan.

In order to disprove any alibis such as has been used in the past with telling effect in the trials of at least one graft case it is known that the graft prosecution is hard at work getting evidence to "show up" any alibi evidence.

Sunday will be spent by the district attorney and his associates in consultation as to the new developments in the graft prosecution. The procedure of the trial of the cases has not been determined upon, but the district attorney stated late today that the cases as listed for trial next week will be prosecuted along regular lines and it is possible that three judges will sit in criminal court during the opening days of the trials.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Will Convene in Spencer on the 12th—Important Matters to Be Considered.

Spencer, N. C., April 1.—Concord Presbytery, of the Southern Presbyterian church, which meets in Spencer on the 12th inst., has lost several of its members by death since the last meeting at Banner Elk, N. C., last October, among them being its venerable moderator, the Rev. Dr. J. M. Wharry, of Davidson. The Presbytery will be called to order by the moderator just preceding him, and it is expected that some important business will be transacted at this session. The Concord Presbytery is the second largest in point of numbers in the Southern Presbyterian church, embracing within its bounds the counties in which Presbyterianism is strongest in North Carolina. It is expected that between seventy-five and one hundred delegates will be present.

Among the most important business items to be disposed of at this session will be action on certain overtures from the General Assembly, involving fundamental changes in the law of the church. As Concord Presbytery is composed of some of the ablest men in the denomination, and is noted for its conservatism its action always carries great weight with the General Assembly.

The Spencer congregation is making extensive preparations for the reception of the delegates. The church is being renovated, beautified and fitted with new pews which arrived here this week from Chicago.

Referring to revival services conducted by Rev. G. W. Belk, Presbyterian evangelist, the Apex Journal says: "Mr. Belk is regarded by many as being the most powerful evangelist that ever conducted services in Apex. He is indeed a power, and we believe that he has sown seed from which a rich harvest will be reaped."